

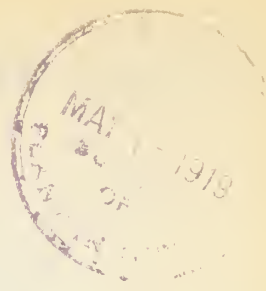
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ALKALI AND DROUGHT RESISTANT PLANT
INVESTIGATIONS.

U. S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.



May 6, 1919.

EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, May 2, was as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
352,000 bales	300,000 bales	138,000 bales

Prices of Good Sakel, Egyptian, Liverpool, May 2, were as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
30.08d	31.97d	30.10d

The New Bedford letter of May 3, in the New York Journal of Commerce of May 5, 1919, is, in part, as follows:

Although prices for extra staple cotton have been very much stiffer during the past week than at any time since the first of the year, the dealing has been very active and a good volume of sales is reported from almost all of the brokers' offices. Inquiry has been more lively than at any time since the armistice was signed, and has been broad enough to cover almost all varieties commonly dealt in here. It is probable that sales would have been even larger than they were had it been possible to obtain high grade cotton in larger quantities, but a marked shortage in certain varieties is reported and some brokers report good sized open orders that they have been unable to fill because the kind of cotton desired could not be found either in New England or in the South.

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The New Bedford letter of May 3 continued:

There has been an active interest in Sea Islands with an almost daily inquiry for prices and a fair amount of dealing. Apparently many of the mills have used up most of the surplus stock of this cotton that was left unused by the cancellation of the Government orders for aircraft cloth, or at least have orders on their books which will require it all, and they are now looking for more. In certain quarters of the market a scarcity of the better grades of Sea Island is reported, some brokers being unable apparently to offer any grades above choice. Price quotations range all the way from 56c to 58c for the better grades and 54-1/2c or 55c for choice. One lot of fancy Georgias, however, was offered at 55c. Certain of the mills that have found difficulty in buying Sea Islands are turning to other varieties, and there has been some Egyptian Sakellaridis sold here during the week, prices being in the neighborhood of 55c. There is no large quantity of Sak available in the spot, however, and hence the interest in American Egyptians and in Peruvians. The latter are offered at 46c for a good grade of Mitafiffi on the spot in New York, with other prices ranging from 46c to 50c. Some sales are reported, but no very large business has been done in this division.

A considerable quantity of American-Egyptians have been sold both of the Pima variety and of Yuma. The former has been commanding 51c to 52c for the better grades, while the latter could be had for about 49c for the better grades. One difficulty in putting through sales of this cotton from the Southwest is the fact that it is not offered in uniform lots with the staple specified. When bought on description, the grade may be any one of the three best grades, or if not that any one of two or three of the lower grades or a combination, while the length of the staple is not specified. For this reason mill men find it necessary to see the actual samples of the lot before they can purchase, a proceeding that might not be necessary were the cotton classed more closely both as to grade and particularly as to length of staple. It is reported in some quarters that there is very little of this cotton left unsold out of this year's crop.

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Liverpool Daily Cotton Reports

The Liverpool quotations for Sakellaridis Egyptian cotton (April 11, 1919) are as follows (pence):

		Official Value	Spot Trading Value
Good	29.12	30.08
Fine	31.22	32.78
Extra fine	33.27	34.93

Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah
Market for the week ending Friday, May 2, 1919 27.25 to
28.00

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May 13, 1919.

EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, May 9, was as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
355,000 bales	302,000 bales	127,000 bales

Prices of Good Sakel, Egyptian, Liverpool, May 9, were as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
30.086	31.974	29.854

The New Bedford letter of May 10, in the New York Journal of Commerce of May 12, 1919, is, in part, as follows:

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There has been some demand for Sea Island, with very little of that kind of cotton to be had, except in the very low grades. The amount of straight extra choice or fancy that can be bought is very small indeed, according to several of the brokers who deal in Sea Islands, and almost the only thing that can be had outside the very low grades is a considerable quantity of average extra choice in which the bales vary widely, some being fancy, some extra choice, some choice and some lower. Brokers are quoting 52-1/2 cents as the price of average extra choice of this kind.

Peruvians are being offered rather freely, the price ranging from 45 to 46 cents for a good grade of mittafiffi. American Egyptian, which is considered a very good substitute for either Sea Island, real Egyptian or Peruvian, is no longer being freely offered here, but is still obtainable at prices ranging from 52 to 55 cents for Pima of good grade and 48 to 50 cents for Yuma of good grade. Most

The New Bedford letter of May 10 continued:

of this year's crop is reported to have been already bought in, especially of the better grades, and it is reported that the only thing remaining still in producers' hands is a comparatively small quantity of low grades. There is still some high grade cotton of this kind that is on the spot in the East unsold, however.

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Liverpool Daily Cotton Reports

(No change in the quotations for Sakellaridis Egyptian cotton since April 11, 1919)

Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah
Market for the week ending Friday, May 9, 1919 27.50 to
27.75

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May 20, 1919.

EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

The New Bedford Sunday Standard of May 18 contains the following extract relative to extra staple cotton:

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There was some demand for Sea Islands, though this was not as active as it had been a week or two ago. Many brokers are finding it extremely difficult to fill Sea Island orders for extra choice, and some of the lower grades are being offered. One broker quoted 66 cents for selected extra choice for shipment from the south, while several others had average extra choice that they were offering around 56 or 57 cents. One or two small lots of average extra choice were sold at 54 cents, but there seems to be no more available at that figure. Extra fine was quoted at 43 to 45 cents, while fine was offered at 40 cents. Egyptian Sakellaridis has been sold here during the week for 55 to 56 cents, but the price that is now asked for it is around 58 cents, which is for cotton that is on the spot in New England and is of good grade and staple. There has been more Peruvian cotton sold here during the past month than for a very long time. The dealing in it during the past week has not been tremendously large, but the amount sold, when added to that sold during the previous three weeks would total a good round sum, very much more than usual. It is offered around 46 cents for good staple Mittafiffi. American Egyptians have had some demand during the week, though the quantity available is said to be limited to that which is already held on the spot in New England. Prices ranged from 50 to 55 cents for Pima, with one or two quotations slightly over that figure, while Yuma was available at 48 to 52 cents. These prices are for cotton of good grade, but not necessarily of the highest grade.

ANNUAL REPORT 1911

The following tables show the results of the work of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine during the year 1911.

The work of the Bureau during the year 1911 was characterized by a number of important achievements. The most notable of these were the successful control of the cotton boll weevil in the cotton belt, the eradication of the citrus red scale from California, and the discovery of the new pest, the cotton rootworm, in the cotton belt. The Bureau also made considerable progress in the study of the life history and habits of many of the most important agricultural pests, and in the development of new methods of control. The following tables show the results of the work of the Bureau during the year 1911.

Liverpool Daily Cotton Reports

(No change in the quotations for Sakellaridis
Egyptian cotton since April 11, 1919)

Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah
Market for the week ending Friday, May 16, 1919 27.75 to
28.50

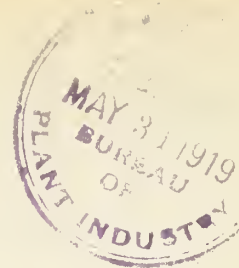
Egyptian Cotton Imports

The Bureau of the Census reports imports from Egypt in
equivalent 500-lb. bales during the 9 months ending April 30,
1919, together with the corresponding period (as well as for
the month of April) of the preceding year as follows:

April		:	9 mos. ending April 30	
1919	1918	:	1919	1918
30,523	13,222	:	54,650	44,250

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May 27, 1919.

EGYPTIAN COTTON NEWS LETTER

Visible Supply of Cotton

Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, May 23, was as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
327,000 bales	296,000 bales	123,000 bales

Prices of Good Sakel, Liverpool, May 23, were as follows:

<u>1919</u>	<u>1918</u>	<u>1917</u>
30.05d	31.40d	30.15d

The New Bedford letter of May 24, in the New York Journal of Commerce of May 26, 1919, is, in part, as follows:

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An exceptionally good business in American Egyptian cotton is reported for the week, the sales being over six hundred bales, with a demand for more of it if it can be secured in satisfactory grade and staple at about the same price levels. Nearly the entire available supply of Yuma has now been cleaned up and as there was practically none of this type raised this year there seems little likelihood of getting any more of it. It sold at 51 a 51-1/2c a pound, while Pima of the No. 3 grade sold around 54c, while more of it is offered at 54 a 57c, the latter figure being for the best grades. Certain of the manufacturers find fault with the Pima cotton as being too long for them to spin conveniently without going to the trouble of readjusting their rolls, while the Yuma, they say, is slightly too short to fully replace Sea Island.



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The New Bedford letter of May 24 continued:

There has been some demand for Sea Island in a few quarters during the week and a considerable difficulty was experienced in finding it in the better grades. One lot of superfine fancy was offered at 60c, while straight extra choice was held at 56 to 57-1/2c, average extra choice being half a cent under these figures. There has been little interest in Egyptians, and no very late quotations. One set of prices that were made the first part of the week, before the general advance in the cotton market, was 55, 56 and 58-1/2c for Sakellaridis, the difference being on account of a difference in the grade. Peruvian Mitafiffi was in no special demand, but was offered at 46 to 47c.

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Quotations for Middling Upland cotton on the Savannah	
Market for the week ending Friday, May 23, 1919	28.50 to
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